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## **Celebrate the New Fall Classic** *ANA Fall National Money Show Debuts in Pittsburgh*

The American Numismatic Association's inaugural fall National Money Show will showcase some of the world's most valuable and historic numismatic items, 600 of the hobby's best dealers and a wide variety of educational programs and family activities Oct. 13-15 in Pittsburgh.

The show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, home of the 2004 ANA World's Fair of Money, is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. ANA members are admitted free. General admission is \$6 for adults and free for children ages 12 and under. Anyone with a valid student ID will be admitted free on Oct. 15.

"We expect a great show in Pittsburgh," said ANA President Tom Hallenbeck. "We've sold more than 300 tables - a record number for any ANA National Money Show - and with a robust coin market, we expect this to be a very active show for collectors and dealers."

The ANA's signature Museum Showcase will display an amazing collection of numismatic rarities from the ANA Edward C. Rochette Money Museum and private collections. Items making their Museum Showcase debut include a display of 2,600-year-old Lydian coins, courtesy of Kenneth Bressett; and a collection of French & Indian War medals, coins and documents, courtesy of John Kraljevich.

Rarities from the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum include the Walton specimen 1913 Liberty Head nickel; the Idler/Bebee Class III specimen 1804 dollar; *Illustrum Imagines*, the world's first illustrated, printed numismatic book, published in Rome in 1517; and several rare National Bank notes from the ANA Bebee Collection of United States paper money.

A number of educational opportunities await visitors. Two convention seminars are being offered: "Fundamentals of Grading United States Coins," Oct. 10-11; and "Fundamentals of Digital Photography," Oct. 10-11. Numismatic Theatre, held throughout Friday and Saturday, gives ANA members a chance to present their research and ideas with fellow hobbyists in a lecture format. Presentations include "How Not to Lose Your Hard-Earned Money When Collecting and Investing in Coins," by former ANA President Anthony Swiatek, to "S.S. Central America Treasure: Numismatic Time Capsule," by Bob Evans.

The free workshop, "Coin Collecting Basics," will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 15. Taught by ANA Numismatic Educator Rod Gillis, the introductory class helps new collectors gain a basic understanding of grading, proper storage, consumer awareness and many of the nuances of collecting coins, medals, tokens and paper money.

The ANA will offer Boy Scout Collecting Merit Badge and Girl Scout Fun with Money Patch workshops from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 15. "Treasure Trivia," a feature of all ANA shows, runs throughout the convention, and is a fun and challenging way for children to discover money, learn interesting facts and win prizes. The "Kids Zone" offers a variety of games and family activities, including a prize wheel and drawings to enter the ANA Cash Cube.

Heritage Auctions is the official auction company for the convention and will conduct live, Internet and mail-bid auctions. For a complete schedule of lot viewings or for more information on the auction, go to [www.HA.com](http://www.HA.com).

Many of the dealers attending the show will conduct free, informal appraisals of numismatic material.

The convention kicks off with a River Cruise & Casino Night from 7-11 p.m. Oct. 12. The three-river cruise aboard the Gateway Clipper will feature dinner, cocktails and great views off Pittsburgh's picturesque skyline. The cruise culminates with a stop at the Rivers Casino. To register, go to [www.nationalmoneyshow.com](http://www.nationalmoneyshow.com) or call 719-482-9848. The Friendship Luncheon, a staple of all ANA shows, is Oct. 14 from noon-2 p.m. at the Sonoma Grille.

The Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists is the host club; Sam Deep is the general chairman and Don Carlucci is the assistant general chairman. For more information on the show, call 719-482-9848 or go to [www.nationalmoneyshow.com](http://www.nationalmoneyshow.com).

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 30,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or go to [www.money.org](http://www.money.org).